

Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2020
Highland Oaks Park Recreation Building

President Rick Schermer called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Board members in attendance were: Marc Frankel, Marc Hurwitz, Freyda Hyman, Jacky Needelman, David Promoff, Alexandra Alazrachi, Brenda Auerbach, Erica Chao, Alex Ciklik, Philip Holcman, Madeline Langbaum, Leigh Needelman, Cathy Pieters, Norman Pieters, Cyd Sinai, Ahuva Stadlander, and Bob Weisblum. Attending as a guest was Doron Friedlander. Rick welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: Marc F noted a needed correction to the minutes of the February 12, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Brenda, seconded by Marc F to accept the corrected minutes. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: David reported that as of Feb. 25 we have \$28,757.01

Membership: Freyda reported that we are ahead of last year with 106 paid memberships for 2020 and 60 of the 2019 members yet to renew. The committee will be meeting tomorrow to discuss plans to increase membership.

Food Truck Event: Cathy noted that we have more sponsors than in past years. Marc F will be bringing water and soda for us, but water is needed for the dog bowls. There will be 100 tickets for free ice cream for the children. Extra Purell will be available. Attendance issues, given the Coronavirus scare, were discussed. It was decided not to cancel or postpone the event. A reminder will be sent to the Board to put out any signs they have and to wear their HOA shirts to the event. Signs will be put on the guard houses. Other details were discussed.

Infrastructure/Traffic/Beautification: Rick gave Bill Clayton's report. Due to anonymous calls to 311, Code Enforcement visited 2 houses next to the Ives Dairy Road wall and gave out warnings. There was discussion of what to do next to get the whole wall cleaned/painted. The suggestion was to set up a meeting with all of the homeowners living next to the wall to come up with an agreeable plan.

Security: Rick gave a recap of the security meeting. Marc F noted that many of the attendees had no idea of what the County Line Road wall is supposed to do. The police representative did not seem to be knowledgeable of our area. There was a discussion of how the SAD (STD) money is allotted. Bob thought that better lighting throughout the area would help. Rick attended the Citizens Advisory Committee. A police representative offered to do free in-home security assessments by appointment. Marc H reported on the issue of Kent falling out of compliance on their County contract due to a clerical error. The County told Rick and Marc H that we had 5 days to agree to a new security vendor that would have been more expensive and less desirable. Through negotiations, the issue is resolved for the moment unless the other vendor protests.

Parks: Mark F noted that the lights in the park are being serviced and the manatee gate is being installed to help keep the alligators/crocs out of the lake. Devon, Park Manager, introduced his newest employee. He would like to hold a Service Day when volunteers might paint, beautify, put in plants, clean the banks of the waterways, etc. A suggestion was made to include some students who need to get their community service hours. He will try to set a date and pick a project in order to sign people up at the Food Truck night.

School Board Candidate Forum: Rick let everyone know that the event starts at 6:45. He asked that Board members please wear their HOA shirt. We will have a table for HOA membership info. The best ways to promote the event were discussed. Signs will be put on the guard houses. We can also use the sandwich board signs. Brenda and Erica will check on getting the info out through the schools. Rick has received numerous questions already that will be used at the event.

New Business: Rick introduced Doron who gave a recap of his background and interest in the community. Bob made a motion, seconded by Brenda, that Doron be added to the Board. The motion passed. Freyda will send out an amended Board roster. Ahuva brought up the issue of people being suspended from NextDoor and asked how to get re-instated. There was some discussion of problem people and their comments. Erica suggested putting a Forum on our web site as an alternative. Bob made a motion, seconded by Ahuva, that the HOA create an online petition that basically states that while we agree there is a need for the overpass, we should be allowed to work with the designers on a possible design change. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings: Candidate Forum = March 12; Food Trucks = March 15; Board = April 29

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.